Black Sea and Mediterranean 2011

Environmental monitoring of the Black Sea Basin and a common European framework programme for development of the Black Sea region

Background
In the framework of the Preparatory Action\(^1\), Environmental monitoring of the Black Sea Basin and a common European framework programme for development of the Black Sea region the Commission invites public and private bodies in the EU, Turkey and the Mediterranean, public or private bodies, actors and institutions, non-governmental organisations, universities and/or research institutes and international organisations to submit proposals for projects.

Description

Two types of projects are covered by the present call for proposals:

A) Environmental monitoring measures in Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey for the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive in the Black Sea;

B) Demonstration and dissemination of environmental and innovative water supply technologies for the benefit of any country in the Black Sea region or the Mediterranean.

Objectives

This action is intended to promote measures for combating pollution and biodiversity decline in the Black Sea region and for addressing negative effects of environmental degradation. Its overall objectives are as follows:
— to train people and prepare staff for the actual implementation of monitoring-related activities,
— to study pollution and biodiversity of the marine and coastline environment,
— to develop new technologies for environmental protection,
— to design and put in place an integrated marine and coastline monitoring system in the region,
— to determine and manage efficiently marine protected areas,
— to contribute to water management in the region including through innovative and cost effective ways to increase fresh water supply, in cooperation with other areas facing water scarcity, such as the Mediterranean.

Budget and Eligibility

The overall indicative amount made available under this Call for Proposals is €1,000,000.

The Programme is a co-financing instrument. The maximum co-financing is 90% of the eligible costs.

In order to be eligible for a grant, applicants must:
• be public or private bodies, actors and institutions, non-governmental organisations, universities and/or research institutes or international organisations;
• be registered in an EU Member State or Turkey;
• be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action. Applications presented by a body acting as an intermediary for a third party are not acceptable.

Partners from Third Countries are also eligible.

Beneficiaries will be selected on the basis of the criteria set out in the Guide for grant applicants relating to this Call for Proposals and within the limits of the available budget.

The procedure for the appraisal of a proposal is as follows:
— receipt, recording and acknowledgement of receipt by the Commission,
— examination by the services of the Commission,
— formulation of the final decision and communication of the result to the applicant.

The decision of the Commission is final.

Information on the Application

The Guide for grant applicants relating to this Call for Proposals which sets out the admissibility, eligibility, exclusion, selection and award criteria and the application, assessment and approval procedure, can be downloaded from the Commission web site at the following address: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/grants_en.htm

It may alternatively be obtained by applying in writing to the following address:

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Deadline for submitting applications

Proposals must be submitted by 14 October 2011, 17:00 Brussels’ Time at the latest.